

Bureau of Land Management - Price Field Office



Recreation Insider

BLM

Upcoming

Meeting
March 9th
5:30 p.m.

Recreation planning meeting to discuss current and future recreation projects. BLM-Price Field Office 125 South 600 West, Price, Utah.

Volunteer Projects

Wood Hill
March 5th

Sign and maintain mountain bike trails north of Price.

Devils Race Track
March 11th

Install an OHV cattle guard at the south end and replace trail markers and signs along the trail.

Nefertiti
March 12th

Install equestrian tie rail.

Spirit Railroad
March 16th

This is a SITLA project to build and stain a buck-and-rail fence and install directional road signs near Chimney Rock. BLM will participate too.

Easter Weekend
Monitoring
March 24-28

Help the BLM monitor trails and hand out maps and garbage bags.

For more information about projects or if you would like to volunteer, contact Jaydon Mead at (435) 636-3646.

If you would like to be added to our email list, send an email to Jaydon Mead at jmead@blm.gov

Work Continues at Millsite

Volunteer work continued at Millsite Reservoir on February 19, 2016 to protect the endangered San Rafael cactus, while providing access to favorite fishing and swimming holes.

Two Bureau of Land Management (BLM) employees, two State Park employees, and Terry Sanslow, a superstar volunteer from Castle County Off Highway Vehicle Association worked on the project. Together we raked out unwanted vehicle tracks while spreading 30 pounds of seed to help rehabilitation. We also replaced damaged vegetation signs, better delineated the trails, and installed new interpretive panels on both kiosks.

The BLM-Price Field Office would like to thank Millsite State Park and Terry for all their help. For more information about Millsite or the San Rafael cactus contact the Price Field Office.

-Jaydon Mead



Superstar volunteer Terry Sanslow helping to rake and throw seed after installing a new kiosk panel at Millsite!
-Jaydon Mead photographs



SUN Center at Daddy Canyon

On February 20th, a dozen Utah State University Eastern students from the Serving Utah Network (SUN Center), along with BLM-Price Field Office (PFO) employees, enjoyed a sunny spring day outdoors working on a public lands service project. The student volunteers kicked off their day learning about the significance of rock art sites and the importance of protecting natural and cultural heritage sites like the

ones at Daddy and Nine Mile canyons. They explored the culturally-rich site and then cleaned the adjacent picnic area, updated kiosk information, and improved the trail by trimming vegetation and moving rocks. As a result of their work, the trail safety and appearance improved for future visitors. The volunteers even had extra time to visit other popular rock art sites in Nine Mile after their hard work.

The PFO would like to thank the SUN Center volunteers for all their help!

For more information about Nine Mile Canyon or volunteer opportunities, please contact the PFO at 435-636-3600. Please remember to respect and protect cultural sites when visiting them.

-AnnDee Mead
story/photographs



Student volunteers team up to improve public land and protect heritage resources in Nine Mile Canyon.



Employee Highlight

The Price Field Office recently welcomed a new member to the team, NEPA Coordinator Jake Palma.

Jake Palma joined the office in October 2015. Jake is passionate about public lands and grew up in several western towns surrounded by public lands managed by U.S. Forest Service and the BLM in Oregon, Montana, Nevada, California, and Utah.

Jake has dedicated his career to helping underrepresented populations find a voice in public land management. His educational background is diverse, having studied English, public administration, and recreation resource management. Jake, his wife, and two (almost three) kids are excited to join the Carbon and Emery County communities and participate in the wonderful activities their public lands have to offer!

The Price Field Office is thrilled to have Jake on our team and welcome him and his family!

Still Wondering?

The answer to our last edition of "Where's WINK?" is called Jack's Knob, located in Emery County. It can be found north of the Lower San Rafael Desert Road #1010. A BLM high clearance road is open for travel to the overlook of Twin Springs Wash. There are canyons for hiking and other areas for exploration by car. Enjoy and explore your public lands!

Letters from Hikers-Little Grand Canyon

Each year Middle Park High School students participate in a Leadership Hiking Trip through the Little Grand Canyon of the San Rafael Swell. Last year students made the backpacking journey starting on May 25th. Each student reflected on his or her trip and sent us some incredible letters describing his or her adventure. Below are some of our favorite quotes from the letters.

"This is a very special place. Deserts are poetic in their own way. This trip has made me stronger both mentally and physically."

"Going through this canyon is something difficult to explain in words. It is so simple and yet holds a magnificent beauty that takes my breath away."

"I realized that I am one small part of the universe and that there is so much more around me."

"There are no 'modern conveniences' but in a way, that is the greatest gift. Nature teaches one how to survive in the most basic way, but yet, in no other experience do you gain a better understanding of yourself."

We would like to thank the students from Middle Park High School for taking time to share their experiences with us. Anyone interested in visiting the Little Grand Canyon or for information about other hikes in the San Rafael Swell please call the BLM-Price Field



View of the Little Grand Canyon from the Wedge Overlook.

-AnnDee Mead
story/photographs

Where's WINK?

We like to highlight different places managed by the Price Field Office to encourage you to enjoy and explore your natural treasures! WINK recently visited the area in the photo below, which showcases the hardiness of western explorers with this concrete floor one-room cabin.

Can you identify the location in the photo?



To participate in "Where's WINK?" email your guess to: blm_ut_pr_recreation@blm.gov. The first person to correctly answer will receive a prize. Answers will be available in the next issue of the Recreation Insider. To get the scoop about this area and other interesting areas in our field, ask WINK himself by calling (435) 636-3659 or emailing him at: jwinkler@blm.gov.